

reversed by inserting the blade of a screwdriver into the indentation 28 and then prying upward against the inner surface of the cabinet wall 12 until the projecting area formed on the inside by the indentation is released from the projection 44. By pulling out the projections 46 the end cap 20 can then be separated from the bottom 38 of the mounting plate by separating from one another the superimposed fastening flanges 18a and 42 of the bellows 16 and bottom 38, respectively.

The bellows 16 is fastened to the door by a snap fastening, similar in principle, of the end cap 20 associated with the fastening flange 18b to the door-related part of the hinge shown in FIGS. 8 and 9. The door-related hinge part might have the usual form of a cup 48 fastened in a mortise on the inside of the door, but there is no need to describe its special configuration in detail because it is unimportant in the present connection. It is important, however, that on the upper margin of the actual bowl 50 of the recess-mounted cup 48 a fastening flange 52 projecting on both sides be provided with bores 54 for screwing the fastening flange 52 to the inside of the door, this fastening flange 52 being in turn provided with a central projection 56 disposed at an angle, and thus corresponding to the projection 44 of the mounting plate bottom 38, and with two oppositely pointing lateral projections 58 which thus correspond to the projections 46 of the mounting plate bottom 38. Since the position of the projections 56 and 58 relative to one another and their configuration correspond to the projections 44 and 46 of the mounting plate bottom 38 and also the end cap 20 associated with the fastening flange 18b is identical to the end cap 20 associated with the fastening flange 18a, it is clear that the installation and removal of the fastening flange 18b on the fastening flange 52 of the cup 48 corresponds to the previously described installation and removal of the fastening flange 18a on the fastening flange 42 of the mounting plate bottom 38 and therefore does not have to be represented in the drawing.

I claim:

1. In combination: a cabinet hinge comprising a carcase-related hinge part having a flange adjustably fastened on an inside surface of a carcase wall of a cabinet, a door-related hinge part having a flange fastened to an inside surface of a door, a linkage coupling said two parts so as to pivot about a pivot axis, and a cover comprising: an elongated bellows of elastic material, open on one side and overreaching portions of the hinge projecting above the inside surfaces, the bellows having at each of two opposite ends thereof a fastening flange projecting laterally and terminally from the bellows, the bellows having a substantially U-shaped cross section, marginal edges of the bellows formed by free ends of limbs of the U-shaped cross section being shaped such that they lie substantially on the inside surfaces in an open position of the hinge, and means for respectively joining the fastening flange to the flange on the carcase-related hinge part, and to the flange on the door-related hinge part, said joining means including holding elements respectively overreaching the associated fastening flanges of the bellows and of the carcase-related part, and of the door-related hinge part, and snapped to associated holding means provided on opposite boundary sides of the associated fastening flanges, the bellows being stretchable as said hinge parts move apart from each other upon opening of the hinge and, at least in the area of the linkage, being bendable about the pivot axis.

2. A cover according to claim 1, wherein the bellows and the flanges are integral parts made from an elastomeric plastic.

3. The combination according to claim 1, wherein the holding element is an end cap shaped in plan complementary to the shape of the respective fastening flange projecting laterally beyond the bellows, and having integrally formed marginal strips fitted around margins of the superimposed flange of the bellows and of the carcase-related hinge part and of the door-related hinge part, respectively, and gaps and indentations in the marginal strips cooperating complementarily with the holding means of the flanges on the carcase-related hinge part, and on the door-related hinge part, respectively.

4. The combination according to claim 3, wherein the end caps are stamped and embossed parts of sheet metal.

5. The combination according to claim 1, wherein the fastening flanges are of the same shape, and wherein the holding means on the associated flanges of the carcase-related part and on the door-related hinge part are provided at places corresponding to one another.

6. The combination of claim 1, wherein said holding means are projections.

7. The combination of claim 1, wherein said holding means are indentations.

8. In combination: a cabinet hinge comprising a carcase-related hinge part, a mounting plate connected to said hinge part and having a flange adjustably fastened on an inside surface of a carcase wall of a cabinet, a door-related hinge part having a flange fastened to an inside surface of a door, a linkage coupling said two parts so as to pivot about a pivot axis, and a cover comprising: an elongated bellows of elastic material, open on one side, overreaching portions of the hinge projecting above the inside surfaces, the bellows having at each of two opposite ends thereof a fastening flange projecting laterally and terminally from the bellows, the bellows having a substantially U-shaped cross section, marginal edges of the bellows formed by free ends of limbs of the U-shaped cross section being shaped such that they lie substantially on the inside surfaces in an open position of the hinge, and means for respectively releasably joining the fastening flange to the flange on the mounting plate and to the flange on the door-related hinge part, said joining means including holding elements respectively overreaching the associated fastening flanges of the bellows and of the carcase-related part, and of the door-related hinge part, and snapped to associated holding means provided on opposite boundary sides of the associated fastening flanges, the bellows being stretchable as said hinge parts move apart from each other upon opening of the hinge and, at least in the area of the linkage, being bendable about the pivot axis.

9. The combination according to claim 8, wherein the holding element is an end cap shaped in plan complementary to the shape of the respective fastening flange projecting laterally beyond the bellows, and having integrally formed marginal strips fitted around margins of the superimposed flange of the bellows and of the mounting plate and of the door-related hinge part respectively, and gaps and indentations in the holding marginal strips cooperating complementarily with the holding means of the flanges on the mounting plate, and on the door-related hinge part, respectively.

10. The combination according to claim 9, wherein the end caps are stamped and embossed parts of sheet metal.